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Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

For decision (E/ICEF/2018/19)

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session of 2017. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

3. Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2019

For decision (E/ICEF/2018/20)

The proposed programme of work is based on suggestions by the secretariat and on Executive Board decisions, including decision 2010/11. It has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF and is presented to the Board for approval. Once adopted, it serves as a framework for setting the agendas for the 2019 Executive Board sessions, subject to decisions by the Board and modifications introduced in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board.

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4. Working methods

For decision

In its decision 2018/7, the Executive Board encouraged the secretariat of the Executive Board to work together with the secretariats of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the World Food Programme to produce a joint response to the joint meeting of the Executive Boards segment on working methods by no later than four weeks before the second regular session 2018, allowing for a consultation process among Member States ahead of that session of 2018, and also encouraged UNICEF to continue pursuing ways to improve the working methods of the Board and to generate additional cost savings, and decided to consider the number of yearly field visits at its second regular session of 2018.

UNICEF focal point:
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Programme and policy matters

5. Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021

For information (UNICEF/2018/EB/9)

The structured dialogue is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with several decisions of the Board, the most recent being 2017/14.

UNICEF focal point:
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6. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action

For information

The Executive Board will be presented with an oral update on humanitarian action in UNICEF. The update includes an overview of the situation of children living in crisis and outline the UNICEF response as well as challenges and achievements.

UNICEF focal point:
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7. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The 14 country programme documents and one multi-country programme document listed below are presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans for each country programme are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are also available on the website, where applicable. The 14 country programme documents and one multi-country programme document are presented by region:

East Asia and the Pacific

Cambodia (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.7)
Philippines (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.8)

Eastern and Southern Africa

Burundi (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.9)
Lesotho (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.10)
Namibia (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.11)
South Sudan (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.12)

Latin America and Caribbean

Ecuador (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.13)
Nicaragua (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.14)

Middle East and North Africa

Gulf Area subregional programme (Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates) (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.15)

Libya (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.16)

South Asia

Bhutan (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.17)

West and Central Africa

Benin (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.18)
Equatorial Guinea (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.19)
Senegal (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.20)
Togo (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.21)

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/P/L.22)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board is (i) informed of the first two-month extension of the country programme for Niger and the first one-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste; and (ii) requested to approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia.

UNICEF focal point:
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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

8. Evaluation report and management response
Evaluation of the UNICEF Level 3 response to the cholera epidemic in Yemen: crisis within a crisis, and management response
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/21; E/ICEF/2018/22)

The report presents the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the recently undertaken evaluation of the response to the cholera epidemic in Yemen. The purpose of the evaluation was to inform the UNICEF approach to further potential cholera epidemics in Yemen, based on an analysis of lessons from the response to the 2016–2017 outbreak; to provide some basis for accountability for that response; and to add to the global learning of UNICEF on cholera prevention and response. The Executive Board will be presented with an executive summary of the evaluation report and a management response. The full report is available on the UNICEF Evaluation Office website.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

9. UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2018–2021
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/AB/L.4)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2013/20, updated financial estimates for the UNICEF Strategic Plan are presented to the Executive Board annually. The estimates provide a basis for determining the level of regular resource expenditures, including for programme submissions for approval in 2019. Included under this item will be an oral presentation of a preliminary analysis of the financial and other implications of General Assembly resolution 72/279, as requested by the Board in its decision 2018/7.

UNICEF focal point:
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10. Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2017
For decision (E/ICEF/2018/AB/L.5)

The report is presented annually to the Executive Board for review and comment, in accordance with annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993.

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11. Joint report on cost recovery
For decision (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2018/1)

The joint report of UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on cost recovery is presented to the Executive Board in accordance its decision 2017/14 and with its decision 2017/7, in which the Board requested UNICEF, together with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women, to continue the consultations with Member States with regard to the cost-recovery policy and to present evidence-based proposals for harmonized cost-recovery policies of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women, with adjustments if required, for consideration by the respective Executive Boards no later than their annual sessions in 2018. It is recalled that a draft joint report was shared with the UNICEF Executive Board in April 2018. Subsequently, the Board agreed to postpone the formal consideration of the joint report on cost recovery to the second regular session 2018.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

12. Report of the field visit of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Bhutan, 17 to 22 April 2018, and report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Uganda, 30 April to 4 May 2018

For information (UNICEF/2018/EB/10; DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2018/1)

Presented for information are the report of the field visit of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Bhutan, from 17 to 22 April 2018, and the report of the joint field visit to of the Executive Boards of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Uganda, from 30 April to 4 May 2018. The reports are presented in accordance with Executive Board decision 2004/13 and paragraph 17 of the guidelines for field visits by members of the Executive Board (E/ICEF/2004/19).

13. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its first regular session of 2019 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

14. Adoption of draft decisions

15. Closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2018 second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board 12–14 September 2018[1]

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	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00		Special focus session on innovation
	5:00–6:00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 13 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 7	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 7 (*cont'd*)	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
		Item 6	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action
		Item 4	Working methods
	5:00–6:00		*Informal consultations*
Friday 14 September	a.m. 10:00–1:00	Item 8	Evaluation report and management response Evaluation of the UNICEF Level 3 response to the cholera epidemic in Yemen: crisis within a crisis, and management response
		Item 5	Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021
		Item 9	UNICEF Strategic Plan: updated financial estimates, 2018–2021
		Item 10	Private Fundraising and Partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2017
	1:15–2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00–5:00	Item 11	Joint report on cost recovery

[1] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

Item 12	Report of the field visit of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Bhutan, 17 to 22 April 2018, and report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Uganda, 30 April to 4 May 2018
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